

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 1, 2005.

Claims 4, 5 and 7 are presented for examination, all of which are in independent form, and have been amended as discussed below. Claims 1-3, 6, 8 and 10-14 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

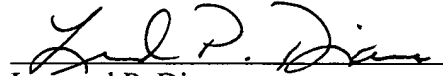
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that Claim 4 includes allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in proper independent form. Claim 4 has been so rewritten, with a number of changes in wording that are not believed to affect its allowability and that are intended to avoid any question of support or enablement (see pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action). Moreover, Claims 5 and 7 have been rewritten similarly to Claim 4, and are also believed to be allowable, for the same reasons as is Claim 4.

This Amendment After Final Action is believed clearly to place the present application in condition for allowance. Therefore, entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is believed proper and is respectfully requested, as an earnest effort to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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